Hazardous/polluted industrial units

635. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the hazardous/polluted industrial units functioning in the country, particularly in the metropolitan cities location-wise;

(b) the details of the legal action being taken by Government against the units releasing poisonous effluents during the production process;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The Central Pollution Control Board has provided the State-wise distribution of 1551 major and medium industries in the 17 identified highly polluting sectors as follows:

Andhra Pradesh, 173; Assam 15; Bihar, 62; Goa, 6; Gujarat, 177; Haryana, 43; Himachal Pradesh, 9; Jammu & Kashmir, 8; Karnataka, 85; Kerala, 28; Madhya Pradesh, 78; Maharashtra, 335; Meghalaya, 1; Orissa, 23; Punjab, 45; Rajasthan, 49; Sikkim, 1; Tamil Nadu, 119; Chandigarh, 1; Delhi, 5; Pondicherry, 6; Uttar Pradesh, 224 and West Bengal, 58.

Of the 1551 industries, 66 are located in the four metropolitan cities. The distribution of these industries is as follows:

Delhi, 5; Bombay, 40; Calcutta, 4 and Madras, 17.

The categories of industries are in the sectors of dye and dye-intermediates, pulp & paper, refineries, petrochemicals, pesticides, fertilizers, pharmaceuticals, tanneries, distilleries and thermal power plants.

(b), (c) and (e): Of the 1551 industries, 220 are not complying with the prescribed standards. The State Pollution Control Boards have initiated action under the relevant Acts to ensure compliance. A notice of closure under the Environment (Production) Act, 1986 has been issued to 95 defaulting units in the country by the Central Government on 24 February, 1996,

(d) Does not arise.

Audit of Haj Accounts

636. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be please to state:

(a) Whether the Haj Committee has submitted the Audited accounts relating to the handling of the amounts of the Hajis collected for accommodation and air fare;

(b) if so, up to what date the audit has been conducted and whether the statements have been laid before Parliament, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government have received complaints regarding large scale misuse of Hajis funds by the officials of Haj Committee, if so, what action has been initiated thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) Yes, Sir. The accounts of the Central Haj Committee are audited periodically by the Office of the Principal Director of Audit, Central, Bombay (Indian Audit and Accounts Department). The report of the audit is submitted to the Ministry of External Affairs.

(b) The latest audit was conducted in November, 1995, covering the period 1994-95. The statement of accounts is not submitted to Parliament as this is not required under the Haj Committee Act of 1959.

(c) Government is aware of some press reports in this regard but no specific complaints regarding large scale misuse of Haj funds by officials of Haj Committee have been received.

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637. **श्री महेश्वर सिंह:** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि